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In the name of the Father, and of
the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost,
Amen.

THE CATECHISME:

That is to say, An Instruction to
be taught and learned of every
Childe, before he be brought to be
confirmed by the Bishop.



Master.

What is your name?

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Master. Who gave you this name?

Scholler. My Godfathers and Godmothers
in my Baptisme, wherein I was made a
member of Christ, the childe of God, and
an inheritor of the kingdome of heaven.

Master. What did your Godfathers and
Godmothers then for you?

Scholler. They did promise and vow three
things in my name:

First, that I should forsake the Devil,
and all his workes, the Pumps and vani-
ties of this wicked world, and all the sinfull
lusts of the flesh.

Secondly, that I should beleve all the
Articles of the Christian Faith.

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And thirdly, that I should keepe Gods holy will and Commandements, and walk in the same all the dayes of my life.

Master. Dost thou not thinke that thou art bound to beleefe, and to doe as they have promised for thee?

Scholler. Yes verily: and by Gods helpe so I will. And I heartily thanke our heavenly Father, that hee hath called me to this state of saluation through Iesus Christ our Saviour. And I pray God to giue me his grace, that I may continue in the same unto my liues end.

Master.

Rehearse the Articles of thy Beleefe.

Schol. **I** Beleefe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heauen & earth: And in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was conceived by the holy Ghost, borne of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate: was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose againe from the dead: he ascended into heauen, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence hee shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead. I beleefe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholicke Church: The communion of Saints, The forgiveness

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of sinnes: The resurrection of the body:
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Master. What doest thou chiefly learne in
these Articles of thy Beleeefe?

Scholler. First, I learne to beleeeve in
God the Father, who hath made me and
all the world: Secondly, in God the Son,
who hath redeemed mee, and all mankind:
Thirddly, in God the holy Ghost, who san-
ctifieth me, and all the elect people of God.

Master. You said that your Godfathers
and Godmothers did promise for you, that
you should keep Gods Commandements:
Tell mee how many there be.

Scholler. Tenne.

Master. Which be they?

Schol. **T**he same which God spake in the
ler. **Xx.** Chapter of Exodus, saying:
I am the Lord thy God, which have
brought thee out of the Land of Egypt,
out of the house of Bondage.

i. Thou shalt have none other Gods but
mee.

Lord have mercie upon us, and incline our
hearts to keep this Law.

ii. Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any
graven Image, nor the likenesse of any
thing that is in heaven above, or in the
earth

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earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bowe downe to them, nor worship them: For I the Lord thy God, am a ieaalous God, and visit the sinnes of the Fathers upon the Children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands in them that love me and keep my Commandements.

Lord have mercie upon us, &c.

iii. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine: For the Lord will not hold him guiltlesse that taketh his Name in vaine.

Lord have mercie upon us, &c.

iiii. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six daies shalt thou labour, and doe all that thou hast to doe: but the seaventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt doe no maner of work, thou and thy sonne, & thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattell, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six dayes the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seaventh day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the seaventh

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day, and hallowed it.

Lord have mercie upon us, &c.

v. Honour thy father and thy mother,
that thy daies may be long in the land
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Lord have mercie upon us, &c.

vi. Thou shalt doe no murther.

Lord have mercie upon us, &c.

vii. Thou shalt not commit adulterie.

Lord have mercie upon us, &c.

viii. Thou shalt not steale.

Lord have mercie upon us, &c.

ix. Thou shalt not beare false witnesse
against thy neighbour.

Lord have mercie upon us, &c.

x. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours
house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbours
wife, nor his servant, nor his maide, nor
his ore, nor his asse, nor any thing that is
his.

Lord have mercie upon us, and write all these
thy Lawes in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Master. What doest thou chiefly learne
by these Commandements?

Scholler. I learne two things: My dutie
towards God, and my dutie towards my
Neighbour.

Master. What is thy dutie towards
God?

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Scholler. My dutie towards God, is to beleebe in him, to feare him, and to love him with all my heart, with all my minde, with all my soule, & with all my strength: To worship him: To give him thanks: To put my whole trust in him: To call upon him: To honour his holy Name, and his Word, and to serve him truely all the daies of my life.

Master. What is thy dutie towards thy Neighbour?

Scholler. My dutie towards my Neighbour, is to love him as my selfe, and to do to all men, as I would they should doe unto me: To love, honour, and succour my father and mother: To honour and obey the King and his Ministers: To submit my selfe to all my Governours, Teachers, spirituall Pastors and Masters: To order my selfe lowly and reverently to all my betters: To hurt no body by word or deed: To be true and iust in all my dealings: To beare no malice nor hatred in my heart: To keep my hands from picking and stealing, and my tongue from evill speaking, lying, and slandering: To keep my bodie in temperance, sobernesse, and chastitie: Not to covet nor desire other mens goods: but to learne and labour truely to get mine own

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owne liuing, and to doe my dutie in that state of life, unto the which it shall please God to call mee.

Master. My good Childe, know this, that thou art not able to doe these things of thy selfe, nor to walke in the Commandements of God, and to serue him without his speciall grace, which thou must learne at all times to call for by diligent prayer.

Let me heare therefore if thou canst say the Lords prayer.

Schol- **O**ur Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name: Thy kingdome come: Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Giue us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as wee forgive them that trespass against us: And leade us not into temptation, but deliver us from euill. Amen.

Master. What desirest thou of God in this Prayer?

Scholler. I desire my Lord God our heavenly Father, who is the giuer of all goodnesse, to send his grace unto me, and to all people, that wee may worship him, serue him, and obey him, as we ought to doe. And I pray unto God, that hee will send us all things that be needfull both for our soules and bodies: and that he will be
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mercifull unto us, and forgive us our sinnes: And that it will please him to save and defend us from all dangers ghostly and bodily: and that he will keep us from all sinne and wickednesse, and from our ghostly enemy, & from everlasting death. And this I trust he will doe of his mercy and goodnesse through our Lord Jesus Christ: And therefore I say Amen, So be it.

Master. How many Sacraments hath Christ ordained in his Church?

Scholler. Two onely, as generally necessary to salvation: that is to say, Baptisme, and the Supper of the Lord.

Master. What meanest thou by this word Sacrament?

Scholler. I meane an outward and visible signe of an inward and spirituall grace given unto us, ordained by Christ himselfe, as a meane whereby we receive the same, and as a pledge to assure us thereof.

Master. How many parts be there in a Sacrament?

Scholler. Two: the outward visible signe, and the inward spirituall grace.

Master. What is the outward visible signe, or forme in Baptisme?

Scholler. Water, wherein the person baptized is dipped, or sprinkled with it, In the
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name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the Holy Ghost.

Master. What is the inward and spirituall grace?

Scholler. A death unto sinne, and a new birth unto righteousness: for, being by nature borne in sinne, and the children of wrath, we are hereby made the children of grace.

Master. What is required of persons to be baptized?

Scholler. Repentance, whereby they forsake sinne, and faith, whereby they stedfastly beleefe the promises of God made to them in that Sacrament.

Master. Why then are Infants baptized, when by reason of their tender age they cannot performe them?

Scholler. Yes: they doe performe them by their sureties, who promise and vow them both in their names: which when they come to age, themselves are bound to performe.

Master. Why was the Sacrament of the Lords Supper ordained?

Scholler. For the continuall remembrance of the Sacrifice of the death of Christ, and the benefits which we receive thereby.

Master. What is the outward part or signe of the Lords Supper?

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Scholler. Bread and wine, which the Lord hath commanded to be received.

Master. What is the inward part or thing signified?

Scholler. The body and blood of Christ, which are verily and indeed taken and received of the faithful in the Lords Supper.

Master. What are the benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

Scholler. The strengthening and refreshing of our soules by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the bread and wine.

Master. What is required of them that come to the Lords Supper?

Scholler. To examine themselves whether they repent them truly of their former sins, stedfastly purposing to lead a new life: whether they have a lively faith in Gods mercy through Christ, with a thankfull remembrance of his death, and be in charity with all men.

The end of the Catechisme.

*Graces to bee sayd before
and after meate.*

Grace before meate.

The eyes of all things doe look up and trust in thee, O Lord: thou givest them meat in due season, thou openest thy hand, and fillest with thy blessing every living thing. God Lord bless us, and all the gifts which we receive of thy bounteous liberalitie, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace after meate.

The King of eternall glorie make us partakers of his heavenly table, Amen. God save his Church, &c.

Grace before meate.

Whether yee eat or drink, saith Saint Paul, or whatsoever ye do else, let all be done to the praise and glory of God, Amen. God save his Church, &c.

Grace after meate.

The God of all glory and power, who hath created, redeemed, and presently fed us, be blessed and praised both now and evermore. Amen. God save his Church, our King and Realme, and send us saith in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace before meate.

Christ which at his last Supper gave himselfe unto us, promising his bodie to bee crucified, and his blood

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Word to be said for our finnes, blesse us and our meat.
Amen. God save his Church, &c.

Grace after meat.

Grant, O most mercifull Father, that our hunger
and thirst being satisfied with the moderate use of
these thy gifts, sanctified with thy holy word, we may
both in body and mind be apt and able to doe good
workes, to the glorie of thy holy Name, Amen. God
preserve his Church, &c.

Grace before meat.

Glorie, honour and praise, be given to thee, O Lord,
which dost feed us from our tender age, and givest
sustenance to every living thing: replenish our hearts
with joy and gladnes, that we alwaies having suffi-
cient, may bee rich and plentiful in all good workes,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen. God save his
Church, &c.

Grace after meat.

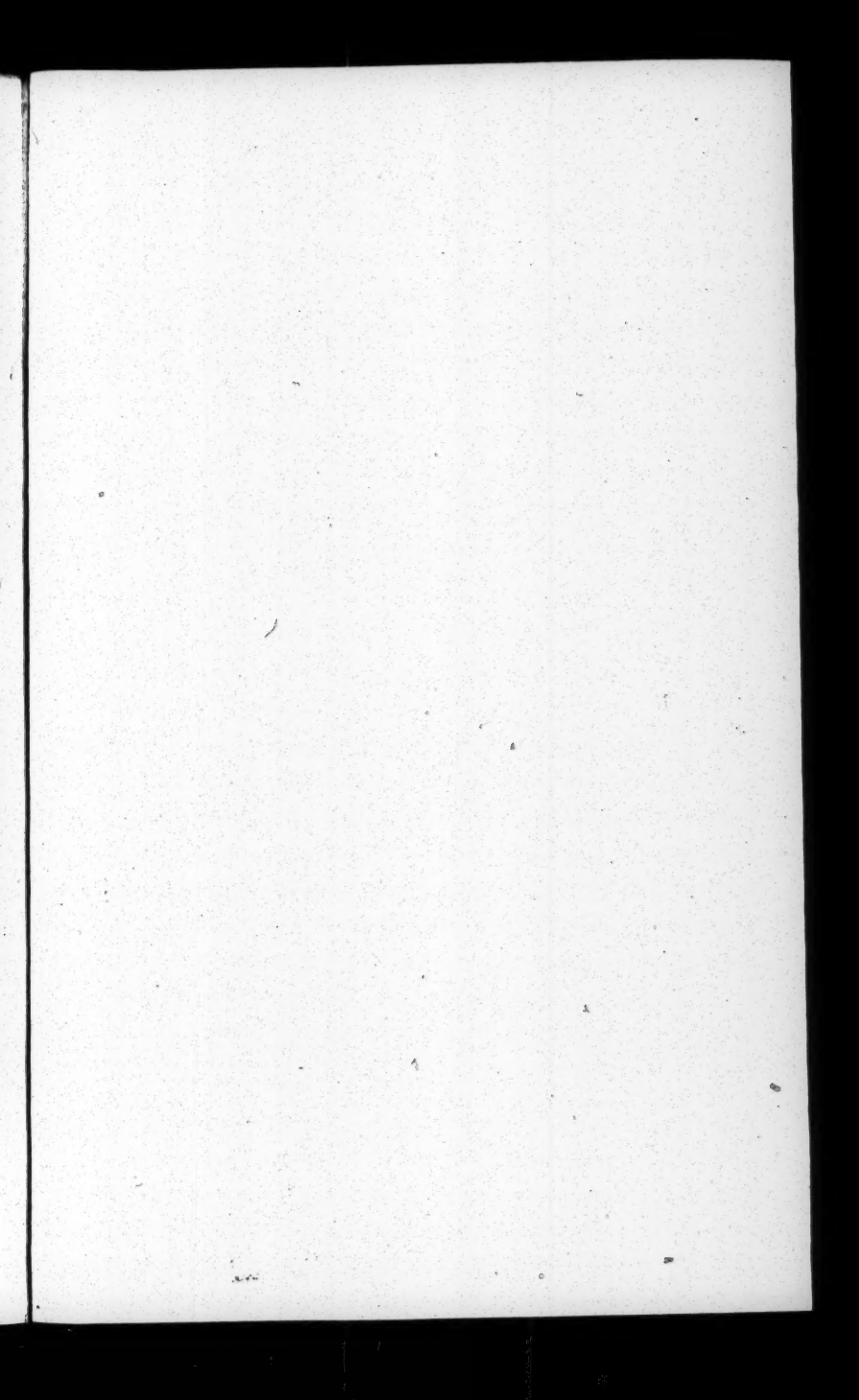
Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, doe all in the
Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, giving
thanks unto God the Father by him.

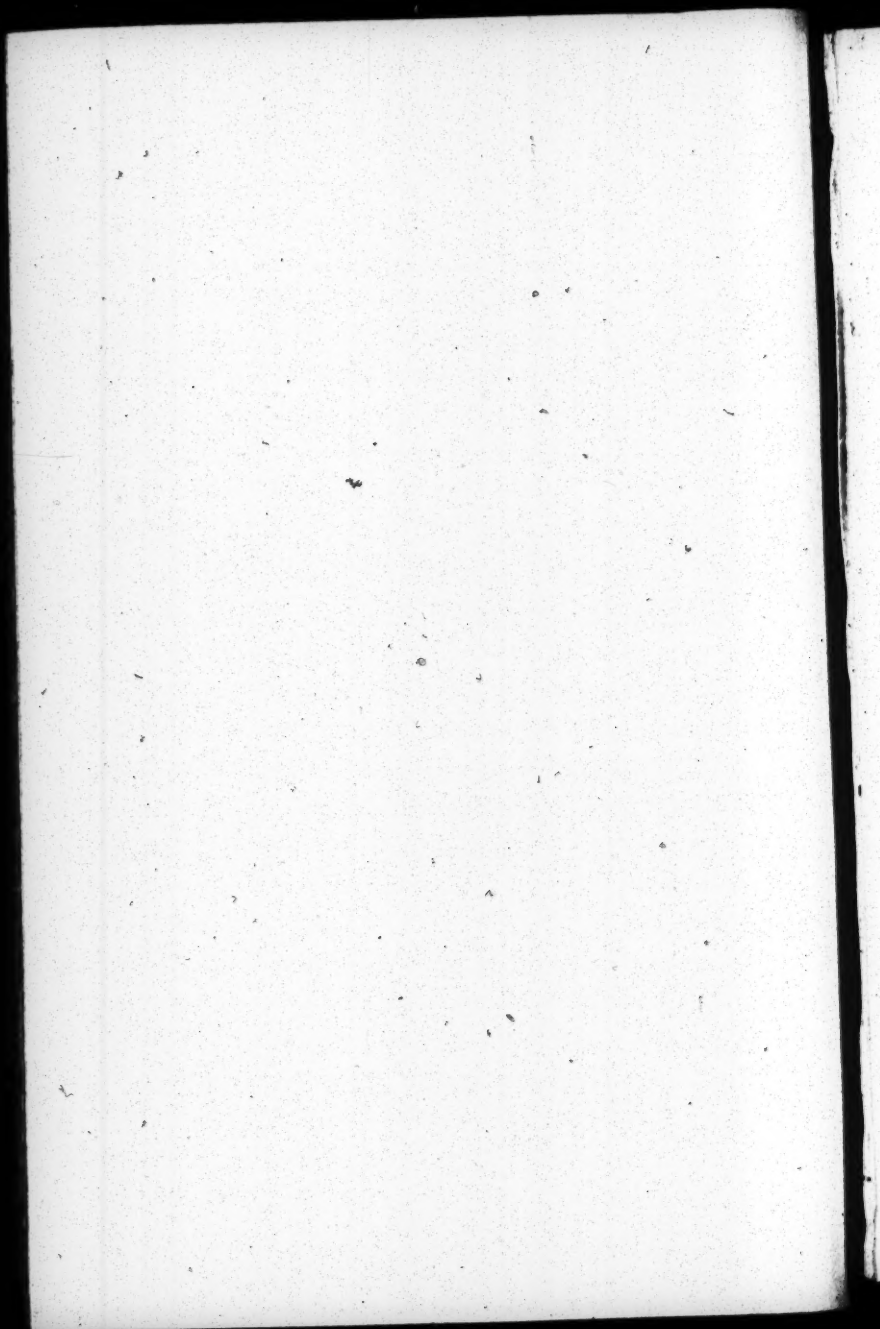
Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honour, power
and might, be unto our God for evermore, Amen.

This little Catechisme learned
by heart (for so it ought)
The PRIMER next commanded is
for Children to be taught.

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